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Applicant : Fernando C. Frimm *et al.*
Serial No.: 08/925,506
Filed : September 8, 1997
Title : SUBMERSIBLE OFFSHORE VESSEL

Art Unit : 3672
Examiner : T. Mayo

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This paper is in response to the Examiner's Action dated May 19, 1999. The Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments to their application which they believe will put this application in condition for allowance.

In the Drawings:

A copy of Figures 1-3 and 5-10, with the changes marked in red, is submitted with this paper for the Examiner's approval. A separate letter to the drafts person is attached.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1, 2 and 14.

In claim 16, line 3, between "said" and "four", please insert -at least--.

10 Please add new claims 20-33 as follows:

20. The semisubmersible vessel according to claim 7 wherein each of the at least four columns includes a first vertical centerline partition lying in the same plane as a side of either the forward or aft section of the ring pontoon.

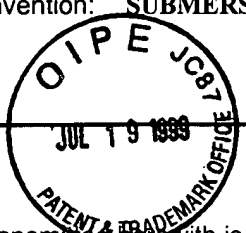
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Invention: SUBMERSIBLE OFFSHORE VESSEL					
<div style="text-align: center;"> TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</div> <p>Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.</p>					
CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	29 -	20 =	9 x	\$18.00	\$162.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	3 -	5 =	0 x	\$78.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$162.00
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